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WOLVERINE..... 1

WILD FRONTIER
Part 2 of 6
"THE BACKBONE OF GOD"

Trying to remember his mysterious past, Wolverine has entered into a dream — a dream that takes him back to the 1840s and an adventure in the "Wild Frontier"!

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NOVA 9

AND YE SHALL REMEMBER THIS DAY
Part 2 of 4
"ONLY THE STRONG SHALL LIVE"

Long ago, Nova, as herald of Galactus, brought on the destruction of the Kehilla homeworld. Now, she wants to help the few survivors find a new home... but do they want her help?

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Dear Terry,

Status Report #87:

Wolverine: Boy does Sam Kieth draw a great Tiger Tyger. Yowza! I'm in love. Oh, happy days are here again.

Hmm! Since when does Fonzie smoke, never shave, sit in a pink Cadillac, and sport claws? Oh, wait... silly me... that's Logan. He must be in some heavy shock to see himself as James Dean and Fonzie all rolled up into one. Not only is Cyber's tea brewing, so is the bloody battle to come. I think Sam's getting better with Wolvie's mask. 3 Claws!

Firestar: The concluding chapter was pretty nice. I guess my theory of Cross being connected to Darren Cross was wrong-o. Anyway, every time I see Spiral, I can't help but wonder what she'd be like if she joined X-Factor or the X-Men. She has an attitude—but what mutant doesn't, these days. Graduate Spiral as you did Rogue those many years ago. Think about it! As for Firestar, I gotta admit she did good on her own this issue. She thought out a simple battle plan and it worked. Good show, old chaps. Oh... 3 Claws! I'm in a good mood.

Beast: Whoa! Where's Liefeld? Who cares at this point! Jae Lee is destined to hit the big time quickly. His art is fast-paced and his panel design is delightful. The only thing I can't figure out is how Constrictor managed to get his coils into a perfect rectangle.

My only nit pick in this issue is that the sudden switch in the inking, from clear and breathable to dark and moody, was a turn for the worse. Lighten up on the inks a little. Trust me.

Jae Lee is gonna go places. And Kudos Scott Lobdell—funny, funny. Now *this* is the Beast. 3 Claws!

Shroud: Since when did Mockingbird join Night Shift? Doesn't fit. After being an Avenger, the Night Shifters know she's not a bad girl. Maybe Ron Wilson made a boo boo. It was supposed to have been Gypsy Moth, right? This is probably the best art I've seen on the Shroud since Bob Hall's version. It's sad that Betty had to go like she did. This story shows that even minor gang violence can take its toll on society. I have no sympathy for Manny and friends. Wait until they get old and feeble. See how they like it.

Don't you think it's time Shroud left Night Shift? He needs to strike out on his own. Just don't give him a young ward who calls himself "Quilt" or something. 2 1/2 Claws!

Covers: Front—Kept me hangin! Ha! Couldn't resist... Best Sam Kieth cover yet. 3 Claws!

Back—Madureira and LaRosa? Never heard of them. Hope to again, though. Firestar is full-figure and hot, hot, hot. Shroud is moody and cool. But Beast looks like he's wearing a Joker mask. Keep these guys away from Beast or Werewolf and they could go far. Work with 'em. 2 Claws!

Len Biehl
Rantoul, IL

We hope you liked Joe Madureira's work on the Mojo story in MCP #89, Len. We've been working with him, and we think he's coming along quite nicely. Guess we'll hear from you about that one in a month or so...

Dear Terry,

Re: MCP #87, page 2:

I'm in love! Sam, you're great. Think you could get me T.T.'s phone number?

Chris Connely
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Uh, well, we think she's unlisted. Sorry, but uh, thanks for writing, Chris. We think we should get to the next letter.

WOLVERINE
IN...
WILD FRONTIER
GRRR
THE PLACE: THE WILDERNESS CALLED THE "BACKBONE OF GOD," ALONG THE U.S./CANADIAN BORDER--
...THE TIME...
...YESTERDAY... A LONG TIME AGO...
...THE NEVER-TIME...
RRAARR
PART TWO
THE BACKBONE OF GOD
...THE DREAM-TIME...

A KID... HE'S JUST A KID--
A BLASTED BLACKFOOT, FROM THE CUT OF HIS MOCCASINS.
BLACKFOOT. DON'T CARE MUCH FOR MY KIND. KILLED OL' CRAWLFACE BOB. SCALPED DU BOIS.
I LIKED DU BOIS.
YEAH... MAYBE I'LL ENJOY THIS.
RROAWR
AWW...

K-KPOW
BLAST!
RAAARRR!
SO MUCH FOR BEIN' A GOOD SAMARI-TAN. DIDN'T EVEN SLOW HIM DOWN.
50-CAL. BALL GLANCED OFF THAT THICK COAT OF HIS LIKE PITY OFF A BANKER'S HEART!
WELL, YOU UGLY SON OF SATAN...
...YOU'RE GONNA FIND OUT THAT THERE'S SOMETHIN' IN THIS WORLD THAT'S JUST AS HARD TO KILL AS YOU!
RRRAAR!

SHCK
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO WORK HARD FOR ME, SON!
HSSSS
SSS
HS SSS
SWEET MARY'S BLOOD...
DIE, YOU STINKING PILE OF FILTH! DIE!

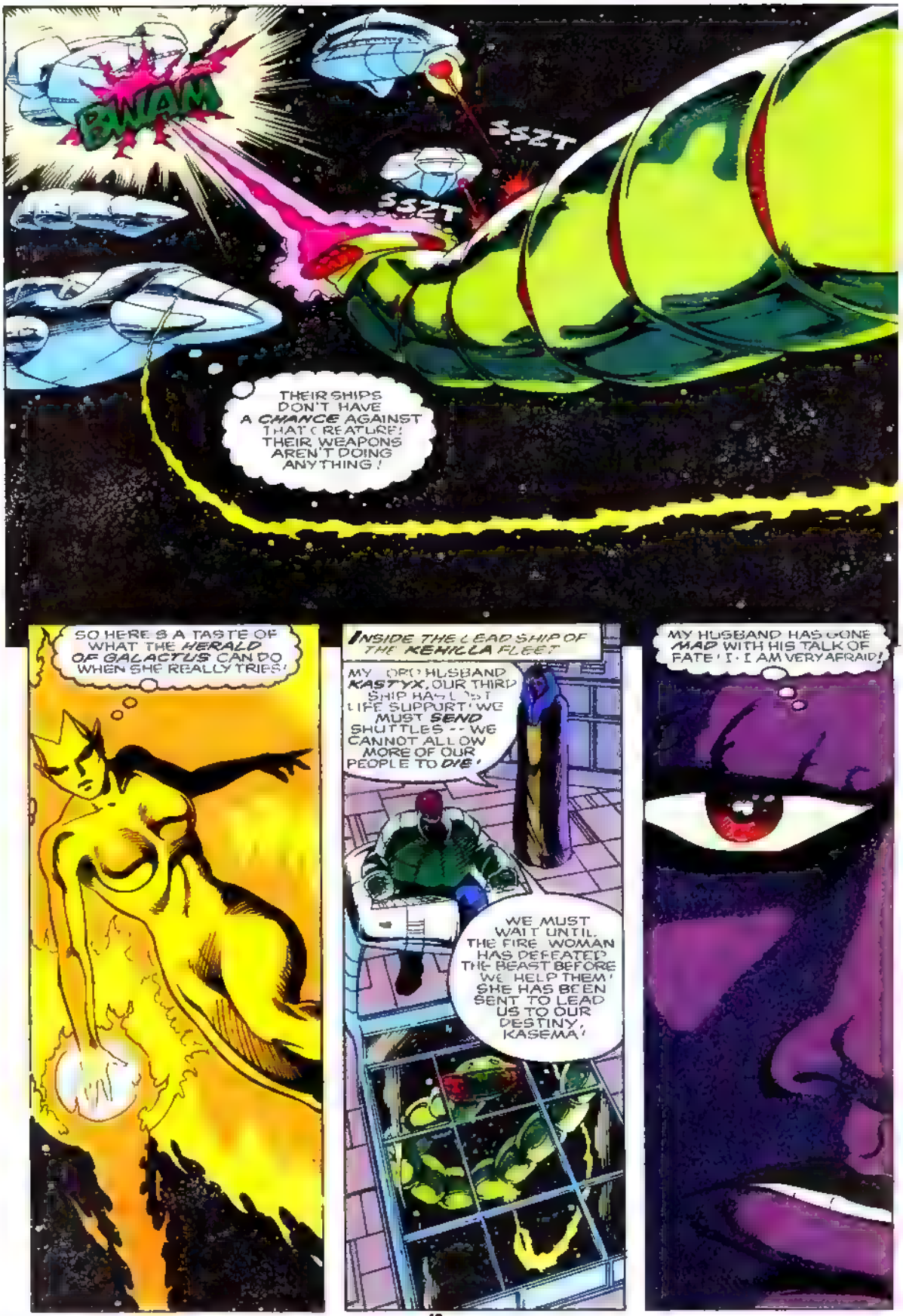
WAAMP
UHHNNHH!
KKKK
THUNK
UUU-UHHHH...
WH-WHAT'D I TELL YA... YA BIG SACK OF FILTH...
...I-I'M H-HARD... T-TO...
...K-K-KILL...?

WALLL... LOOKEE HYERE, WON'TCHA?
LOOKS LIKE WE DONE FOUND OURSELVES SOME EASY PICKINS. TRULY, THE LAWD DO PROVIDE FER WAYFARIN' PILGRIMS, EH, JAMIE?
HEH HEH HEH... THAT HE DO, GEORGIE. THAT HE SURELY DO.
YOU BOYS GONNA HAVE TO HELP ME ROLL THIS GRIZ OVER ON HIS BACK SO'S WE CAN SKIN 'IM OUT! HE BE A BIG 'UN!
THE UGLY BRUTE CAN WAIT, JAMIE. GOT US SOME DEAD PILGRIMS TO CHECK OUT!
MATTHEW! TAKE CARE OF THAT SHORT FELLER WHUTS STUCK ON YONDER TREE!
UNF...
SWEET SAINTS! LOOKEE HERE! BOY'S HEAD LOOKS LIKE IT DONE BEEN PUT IN A CORN-GRINDER, AND HE'S STILL A-BREATHIN'!
YEPPERS, THE LAWD DO PROVIDE! NOTHIN' SETS MUH PO' HEART A' FLUTTERIN' QUITE LIKE SCALPIN' A STILL-KICKIN' BLACK-FOOT BUCK! HEH HEH...
UNF...
'PEARS THIS ONE BE DEAD, GEORGIE. BUT HE'S STILL FAIR SCALPIN'!
A CANADA MAN, FROM THE LOOKS OF 'IM! A GOD-CURSED HUDSON BAY COMPANY THIEF WHO GOT HIMSELF CAUGHT WANDERIN' TOO FAR INTO AMERICAN TERRITORY!
A STINKIN' CANADA MAN...
UNF... FAIR SCALPIN'...

...SHAPED AND FILED INTO TWO CLEAN, SHININ' TWINS CALLED DEATH.
AAKKK!!
K-KPOOM
WHHNK
MY STINGERS... MY TEETH...
STEEL...
THIRTEEN INCHES OF GOOD STEEL, SPANISH-MADE AND MEXICAN-FORGED...
...MY CLAWS!
A LITTLE GAMBLER FROM NATCHEZ ONCE GAVE 'EM TO ME. MADE 'EM HIMSELF...
...LAST I HEARD, HE WAS HOLED UP IN SOME GOD FORSAKEN MISSION DOWN IN TEXAS, WITH THE WHOLE BLAMED MEXICAN ARMY AFTER HIM.
DANGED MURDERIN' HUDSON BAY FUR THIEF! YOU'LL DIE THIS TIME! SURE AS HADES, YOU'LL DIE THIS TIME!
LOOK OUT! LAWDAMERCY, GEORGIE--HE AIN'T DEAD!

GRRKKK...
BLIND.
HEAVEN HELP HIM, THAT BIG BEAR BLINDED HIM.
BUT HE DONE GOOD. HE KNEW THAT THE BIG AMERICAN WAS THERE... HE KNEW WHAT WAS GONNA HAPPEN IF HE DIDN'T MOVE QUICK...
AND LORD HELP ME ...HE KNOWS THAT I'M HERE, TOO...
YEAH...
...PILGRIMS LIKE ME AND THIS BLACKFOOT CUB...
...WE'RE HARD TO KILL.
CONTINUES NEXT ISSUE...

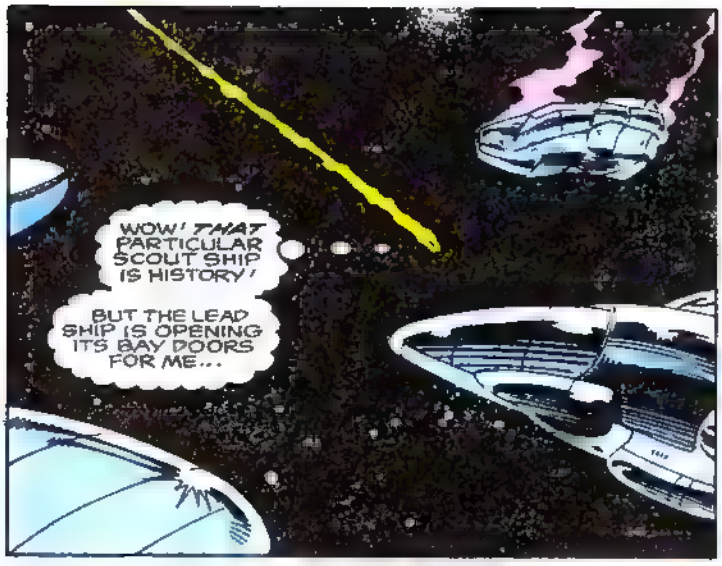
AND YE SHALL REMEMBER THIS DAY featuring NOVA
I WANTED TO FIND THESE PEOPLE A NEW PLANET TO LIVE ON AFTER GALACTUS DESTROYED THEIRS!
NOW THEY THINK I'M THEIR SAVIOR- WHEN I FIRST TRIED TO HELP THEM, THEY FIRED AT ME. NOW I'M TRYING TO PROTECT THEM!
MAYBE I'M CRAZY BUT I REALLY NEED THEM TO TRUST ME.
PART 2:
ONLY THE STRONG SHALL LIVE

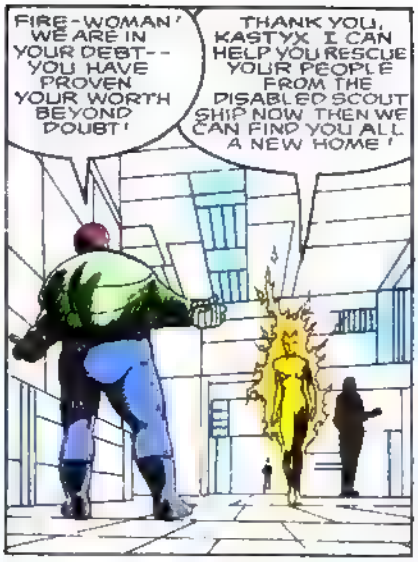

BAWAM
SSZT
SSZT
THEIR SHIPS DON'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST THAT CREATURE! THEIR WEAPONS AREN'T DOING ANYTHING!
SO HERE'S A TASTE OF WHAT THE HERALD OF GALACTUS CAN DO WHEN SHE REALLY TRIES!
INSIDE THE LEAD SHIP OF THE KEHILLA FLEET
MY CO-HUSBAND KASTYX, OUR THIRD SHIP HAS LOST LIFE SUPPORT! WE MUST SEND SHUTTLES -- WE CANNOT ALLOW MORE OF OUR PEOPLE TO DIE!
WE MUST WAIT UNTIL THE FIRE WOMAN HAS DEFEATED THE BEAST BEFORE WE HELP THEM! SHE HAS BEEN SENT TO LEAD US TO OUR DESTINY, KASEMA!
MY HUSBAND HAS GONE MAD WITH HIS TALK OF FATE! I-I AM VERY AFRAID!

SHAK
MY BLASTS ARE BARELY AFFECTING THIS CRITTER! WHAT'S IT MADE OF ANYWAY?!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM, OR IF I CAN STOP IT. BUT I HAVE TO TRY!
KZAT
OH, NO! IT'S GOING TO DESTROY KASTYX'S PEOPLE--BUT I CAN'T USE MY FULL POWER SO CLOSE TO THOSE SHIPS!
I'VE GOT TO DISTRACT IT!
ROUND AND ROUND SHE GOES--MAYBE I CAN MAKE IT MAD...

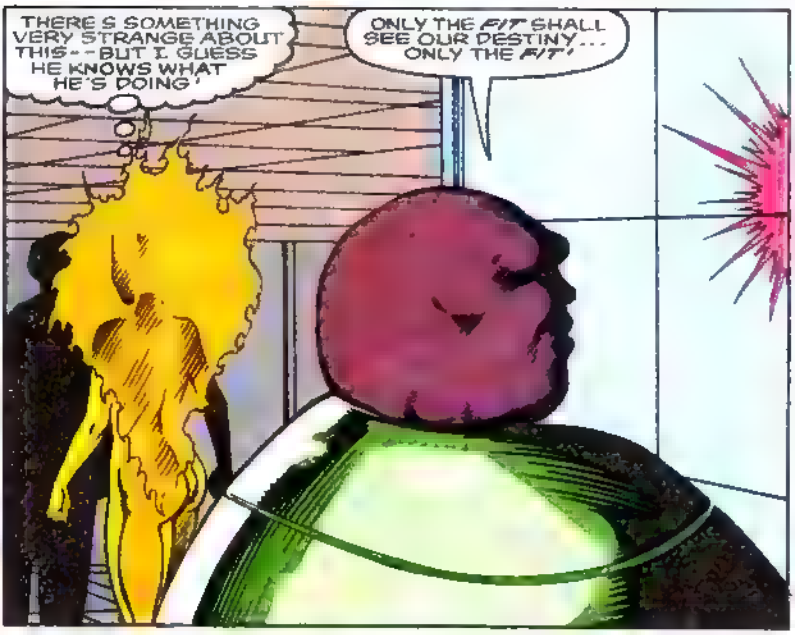
YEAH! IT'S OPENING ITS MOUTH TO FIRE ON ME!
FULL POWER TIME! NOW I HOPE IT DOESN'T BLAST ME BEFORE I CAN BLAST IT--
-- RIGHT DOWN ITS GULLET!
FSHHH
BOOM
MEANWHILE.
MY LORD KASTYX, THE BEAST HAS DAMAGED OUR SHIP BEYOND REPAIR HELP US! WE ARE DYING!
WE WILL DISPATCH SHUTTLES AT ONCE!
KASEMA!
HOW DARE YOU GIVE ORDERS ON MY SHIP? YOUR INSOLENCE HAS GROWN INTOLERABLE! DOUBT YOU THAT I WILL HELP THEM?
I THOUGHT--

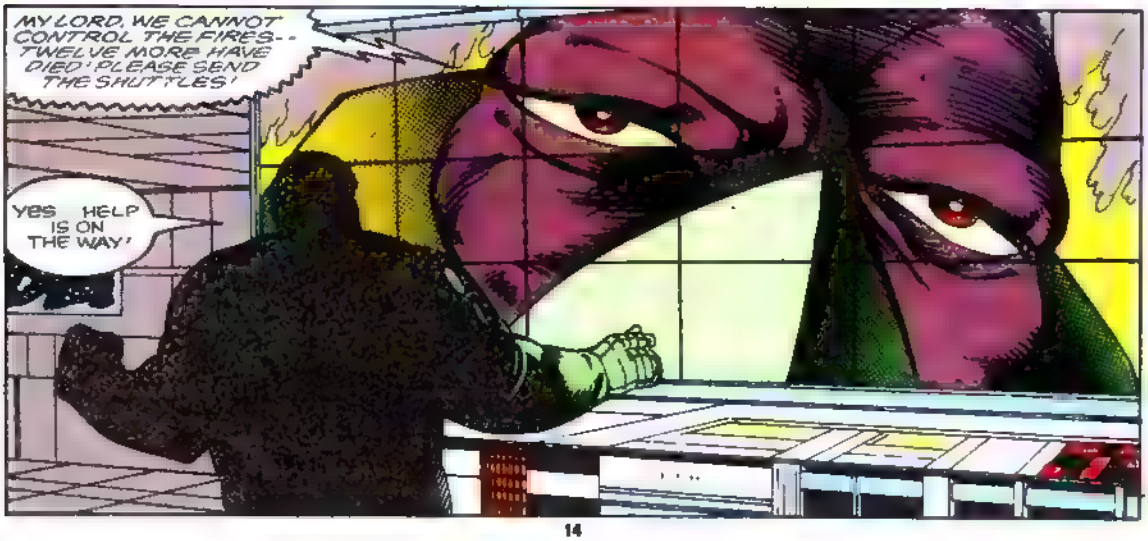
OUR DESTINY REQUIRES NO THOUGHT FROM YOU! IT HAS BEEN REVEALED TO ME ALONE! NOW LEAVE!
BUT, KASTYX, OUR PEOPLE...
MY LADY THERE ARE MATTERS ELSEWHERE ON THE SHIP WHICH REQUIRE YOUR ATTENTION!
VERY WELL KATHAR ACCOMPANY ME
THERE IS SOMETHING VERY WRONG! I MUST SPEAK PRIVATELY TO KASEMA!
OUTSIDE
IF I CAN LEAD THIS SPACE SERPENT CLOSE ENOUGH TO THAT SMALL STAR THE MONSTER SHOULD GET SUCKED INTO THE GRAVITY WELL
BUT I'VE GOT TO GET NEAR ENOUGH TO TRAP IT...
--WITHOUT GETTING SLOWED DOWN MYSELF!
UHH GOT TO PULL AWAY
SHOOM
...NOW!

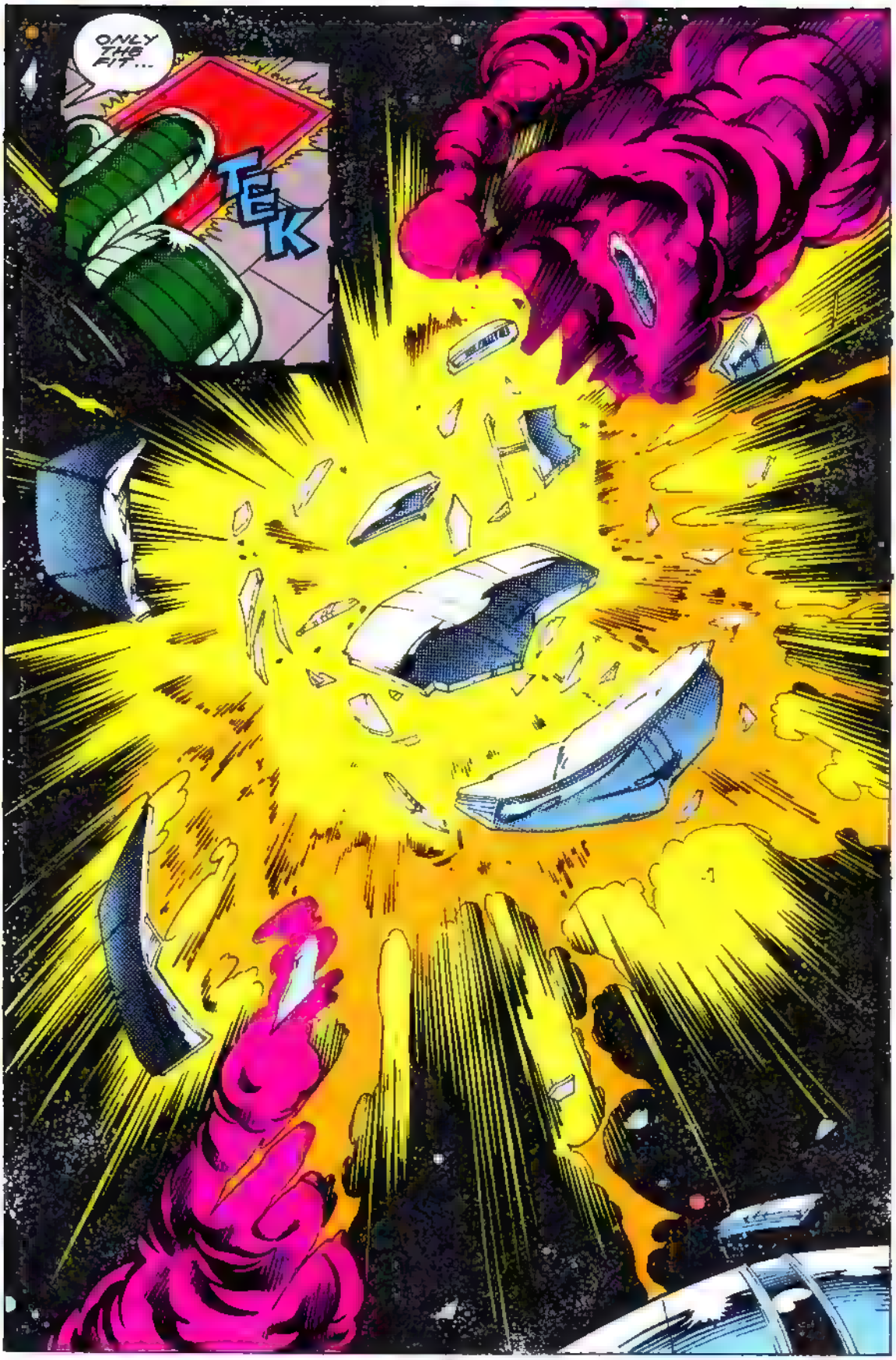

WOW! THAT PARTICULAR SCOUT SHIP IS HISTORY!
BUT THE LEAD SHIP IS OPENING ITS BAY DOORS FOR ME...


FIRE-WOMAN! WE ARE IN YOUR DEBT-- YOU HAVE PROVEN YOUR WORTH BEYOND DOUBT!
THANK YOU, KASTYX. I CAN HELP YOU RESCUE YOUR PEOPLE FROM THE DISABLED SCOUT SHIP NOW. THEN WE CAN FIND YOU ALL A NEW HOME!

ALL WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF, FIRE-WOMAN. MY OFFICER WILL TAKE YOU TO A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN REST.
VERY WELL.


THERE'S SOMETHING VERY STRANGE ABOUT THIS-- BUT I GUESS HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING!
ONLY THE FIT SHALL SEE OUR DESTINY... ONLY THE FIT!


MY LORD, WE CANNOT CONTROL THE FIRES-- TWELVE MORE HAVE DIED! PLEASE SEND THE SHUTTLES!
YES... HELP IS ON THE WAY!


ONLY THE FIT...
TEK

NO . THOSE PEOPLE WERE MY *FRIENDS*. THEY WERE KASTYX'S FRIENDS AS WELL . AT LEAST BEFORE THE GREAT GOD CAME TO OUR PLANET
"KASTYX WAS WONDERFUL THEN . A WONDERFUL HUSBAND, A STRONG AND COMPASSIONATE LEADER "
"HE ORGANIZED THE ESCAPE PARTIES WHEN THE GOD ATTACKED "
LOAD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE INTO EACH SHIP! OUR VOYAGE MAY BE A LONG ONE.'
MY PEOPLE . . THE GOD HAS DESTROYED OUR PLANET . BUT OUR RACE LIVES ! I KASTYX, WILL LEAD YOU TO A NEW DESTINY . . TO **SALVATION**'
SALVATION . THE DESTINATION PROGRAM IS LABELED TOP SECRET! WHY - - OH NO! NO! OUR DESTINATION IS NOT A PLANET BUT A BLACK HOLE !
KASTYX IS LEADING US NOT TO SALVATION, BUT TO *DESTRUCTION* -- TO *DEATH*!
TO BE CONTINUED . .

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Dear Terry,

Way to go! So far, the story by Peter David and Sam Kieth has been great. Tiger Tyger... roww, roww!

Where else can you get that plus an awesome story about one of the greatest blue furry guys of all time, the Beast. Keep the X-Men coming in this book..

Lane Abdulla
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Dear Terry,

Usually my letters have been compliments, but MCP #87 is just asking for it. I only collect comics with one character, Wolverine. I started last year and my collection is pretty large. I've got a lot of MCP's old Wolverine issues and the current ones, like the Weapon-X storyline, and I've enjoyed them all—until now.

Wolverine meeting Cyber sounded like a good match, but the pictures and the flashback on page four changed my mind. Why does Sam Kieth draw Wolverine with a jaw as big as a basketball? And why in the flashback does Wolverine have a pot-belly? (I've never seen Spider-Man with a spare tire) What about the plot? Why is Wolverine showing off his claws and being so arrogant? What kind of super hero is this? So, Wolverine is going after Cyber just because the girl Wolvie likes is into somebody else. What?!? This sounds like Wolvie the bad guy—I thought he was supposed to be a hero. What kind of hero acts like this?

One more thing: I hope there is a reason for Wolvie taking one cut from Cyber (MCP #86) and having such trouble surviving. Is this the real Wolverine or what? I don't think so. The real Logan is tough, very tough—he can take much more than one scratch.

Shawn McIlvain
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Dresher, PA 19025

Dear Terry,

MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #87 was a very typical issue, I think. Still, here are my comments on it:

1) Wolverine: Very good, guys! Peter David is still rewarding us with his intriguing scripts, making "Blood Hungry" a worthwhile successor to "Weapon-X." And Sam Kieth's art, well, I'm still a bit shaky with it. While Sam's art is not at all bad and has a nice style to it, his Logan is, well... um, uh...

On page five, Logan looks like more of a street punk than a super hero. Between the messy hair, the T-shirt and the drooping cigarette, you would think Logan was a drug pusher! C'mon, Sam, if you can draw Logan as Wolverine, why can't you draw Logan as Logan? Overall grade: B+.

2) Firestar: Boy, did you guys answer my prayers by shortening this serial to six parts. It never was horrible, but it sure wasn't my favorite story! At least there was a satisfactory ending! I give Firestar a B-.

3) Beast: Terry, this is getting even better than "Blood Hungry." I find Scott Lobdell's script very interesting. This was a great solo start for our big blue boy scout (er, wrong company)! While I miss Rob Liefeld's pencils, Jae Lee is a pretty good substitute. Tim Dzon also did a fine inking job and, I hate to say this, but Mr. Klein was the only decent letterer in the issue. Overall grade: A.

4) Shroud: I don't know much about him, so there ain't much to complain about! All I can say is that there was a typical story, typical art, typical letters, typical colors. I give Shroud a typical B.

Well, Terry, I'm sorry I had to write this letter, but it proves that even great comics have off days.

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GHOST RIDER/CABLE. 1

SERVANTS OF THE DEAD
Part 5 of 8
"PURSUIT"

Previously, Ghost Rider and Cable narrowly escaped the Cathedral of the Dead--and the hideous creature it shelters! Now, however, they are pursued by the Warriors of the Dead!

Writer — HOWARD MACKIE
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Inker — BUD LAROSA
Letterer — JANICE CHIANG
Colorist — FREDDY MENDEZ

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THING..... 9

"GRIMM'S TALE"

Transformed by cosmic rays into something much more than human, Ben Grimm uses his powers to help the human race chart the unknown as the Thing!

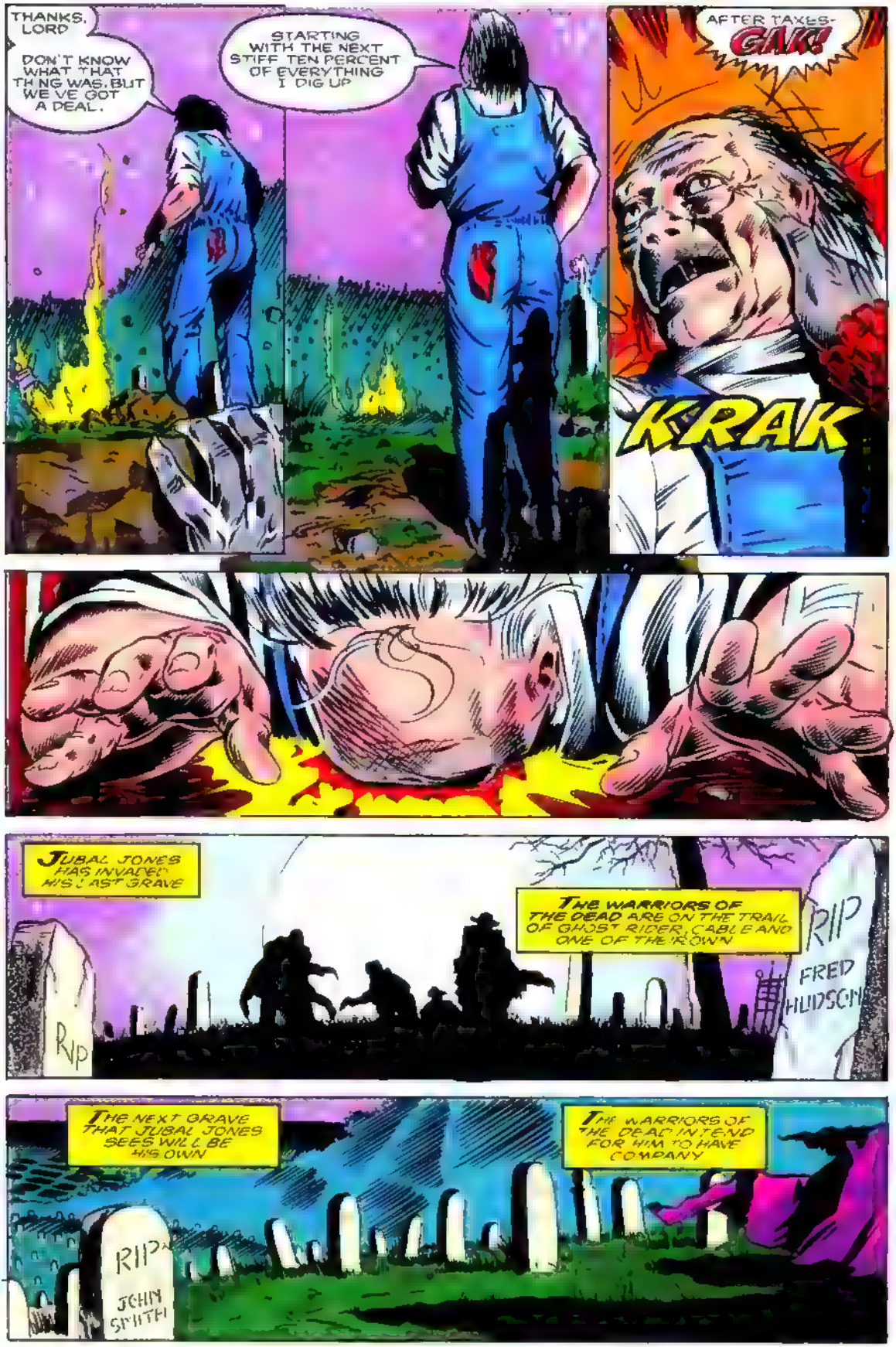
Writer —JOHN FIGUEROA
Penciler — RON WILSON
Inker — DON HUDSON
Letterer — DAVE SHARPE
Colorist — KEVIN TINSLEY

NEXT ISSUE: LOGAN IS TAKEN IN BY THE BLACKFOOT TRIBE! NOVA FACES THE PERIL OF A BLACK HOLE! GHOST RIDER AND CABLE ARE CORNERED BY THE WARRIORS OF THE DEAD! ALL THIS AND A BRAND-NEW HULK STORY!

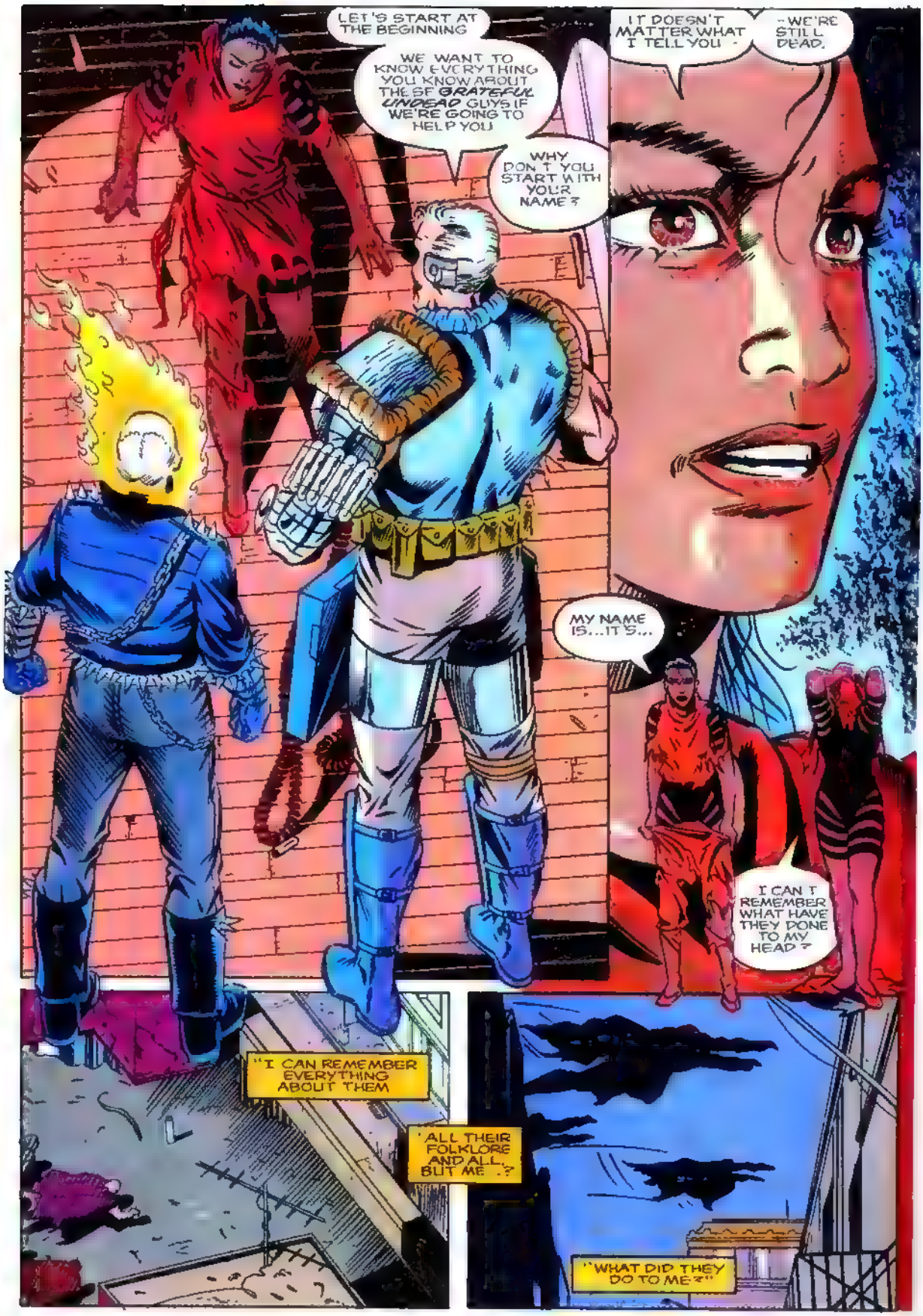
CYPRESS HILLS, QUEENS
SALEM FIFTY-FIVE
THREE IN THE MORNING
NO ONE COMES TO THE CEMETERY AT SUCH AN UNGODLY HOUR
ALMOST NO ONE
JUBAL JONES SEES EACH CEMETERY AS AN UNTAPPED GOLD MINE
EACH GRAVE HE UNEARTHS BRINGS HIM CLOSER TO THE SUMMER HOME HE HOPES TO BUY
JUBAL JONES IS A GRAVE ROBBER
HOPE YOU'RE RESTING IN PEACE, BUDDY!
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASIER IF IT WERE IN PIECES! LESS CUTTING FOR ME TO DO!
RIP
BUT FOR TWO GRAND--
--I'D CUT THE HEAD OFF OF MY OWN MOTHER IN-LAW!
THANK MY LUCKY STARS FOR ALL THE RELIGIOUS CULTS AROUND THESE DAYS TO TAKE THE BLAME.
KTHUNK
PAY DIRT!
RMMMMBLE

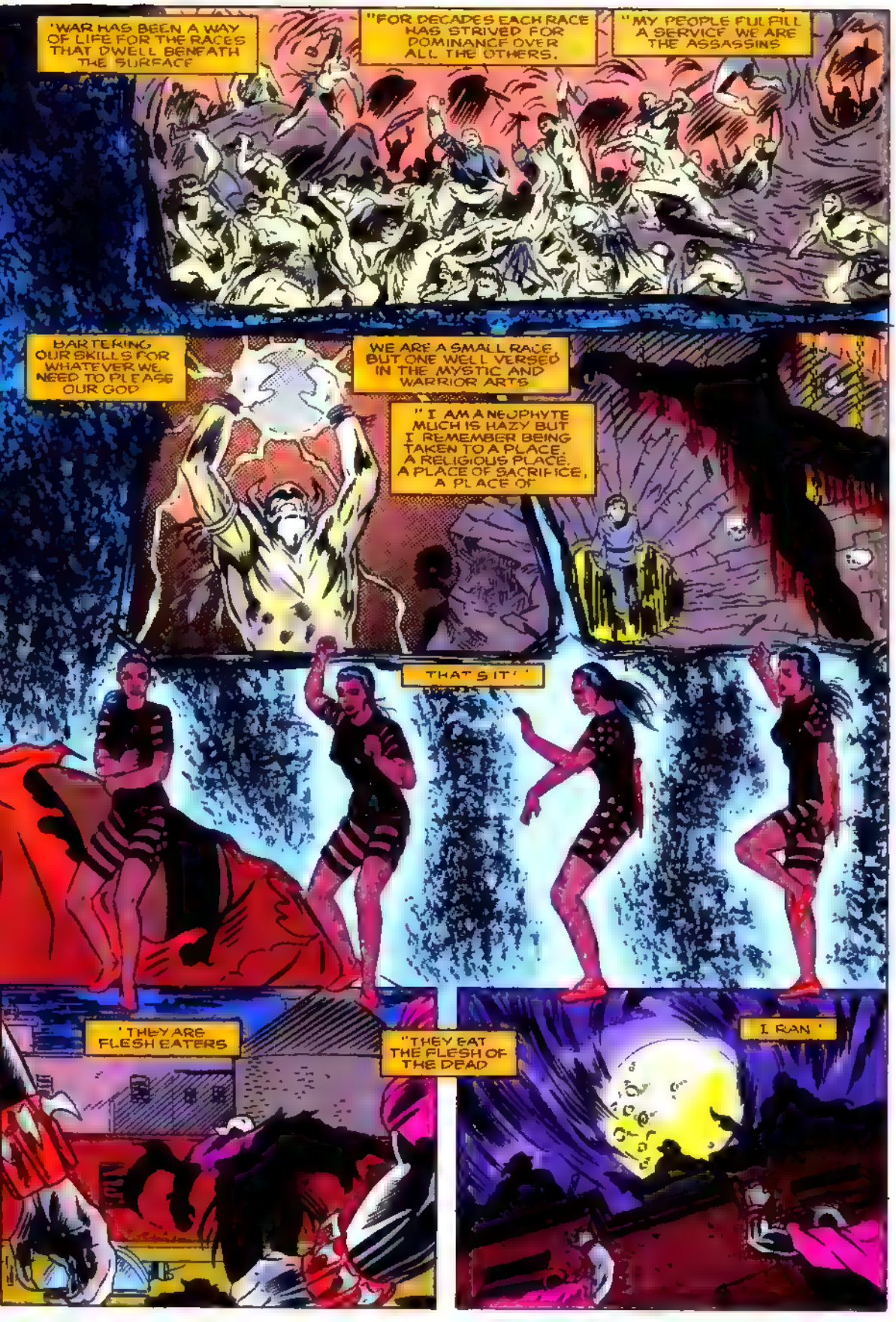
OMILORD
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
RRMMBLE
WE ARE FREE!
SERVANTS OF THE DEAD
PART 4
PURSUIT
featuring
GHOST RIDER
CABLE

IT'S LIKE I'M IN ONE OF THOSE MOVIES.
PLEASE, LORD FORGIVE ME!
I'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS AGAIN. I'M BACK TO SELLING JUNK BONDS STARTING TOMORROW
ALL THE MONEY I MADE DOING THIS WILL GO STRAIGHT TO THE CHURCH. PROMISE.
JUST DON'T LET IT GET ME.
KOOOOM


THANKS, LORD
DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT THING WAS, BUT WE'VE GOT A DEAL.
STARTING WITH THE NEXT STIFF TEN PERCENT OF EVERYTHING I DIG UP
AFTER TAXES-
GAK!
KRAK
JUBAL JONES HAS INVADED HIS LAST GRAVE
THE WARRIORS OF THE DEAD ARE ON THE TRAIL OF GHOST RIDER, CABLE AND ONE OF THE CROWN
RIP
FRED HUDSON
RIP
THE NEXT GRAVE THAT JUBAL JONES SEES WILL BE HIS OWN
THE WARRIORS OF THE DEAD INTEND FOR HIM TO HAVE COMPANY
RIP
JOHN SMITH

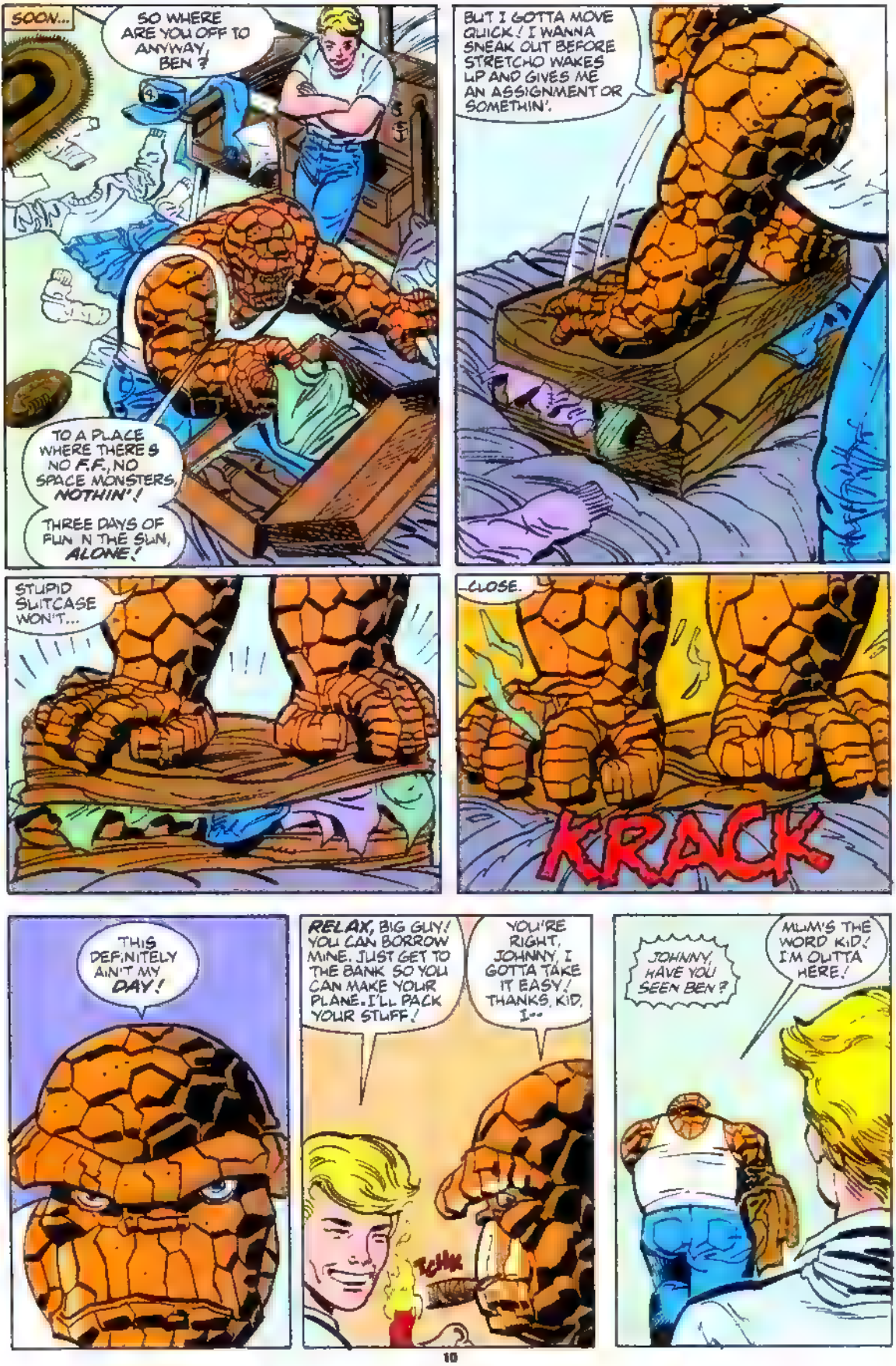
MEANWHILE. IN AN ABANDONED WAREHOUSE IN BROOKLYN'S EAST NEW YORK SECTION.
KRAK
THIS LOOKS LIKE AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY TO REST.
UNTIL WE GET THE GIRL TO LET US KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST
NO
WE CAN'T STOP NOW!
THEY'RE GOING TO KILL US!
CALM DOWN
YOU'RE SAFE WITH US.
NO! NO.
OKAY


LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING
WE WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE GRATEFUL UNDEAD GUYS IF WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU
WHY DON'T YOU START WITH YOUR NAME?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I TELL YOU -
- WE'RE STILL DEAD.
MY NAME IS...IT'S...
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO MY HEAD?
"I CAN REMEMBER EVERYTHING ABOUT THEM
ALL THEIR FOLKLORE AND ALL, BUT ME..?
"WHAT DID THEY DO TO ME?"


'WAR HAS BEEN A WAY OF LIFE FOR THE RACES THAT DWELL BENEATH THE SURFACE
"FOR DECADES EACH RACE HAS STRIVED FOR DOMINANCE OVER ALL THE OTHERS.
"MY PEOPLE FULFILL A SERVICE WE ARE THE ASSASSINS
BARTERING OUR SKILLS FOR WHATEVER WE NEED TO PLEASE OUR GOD
WE ARE A SMALL RACE BUT ONE WELL VERSED IN THE MYSTIC AND WARRIOR ARTS
"I AM A NEOPHYTE MUCH IS HAZY BUT I REMEMBER BEING TAKEN TO A PLACE. A RELIGIOUS PLACE. A PLACE OF SACRIFICE, A PLACE OF
THAT'S IT.'
'THEY ARE FLESH EATERS
"THEY EAT THE FLESH OF THE DEAD
I RAN.'

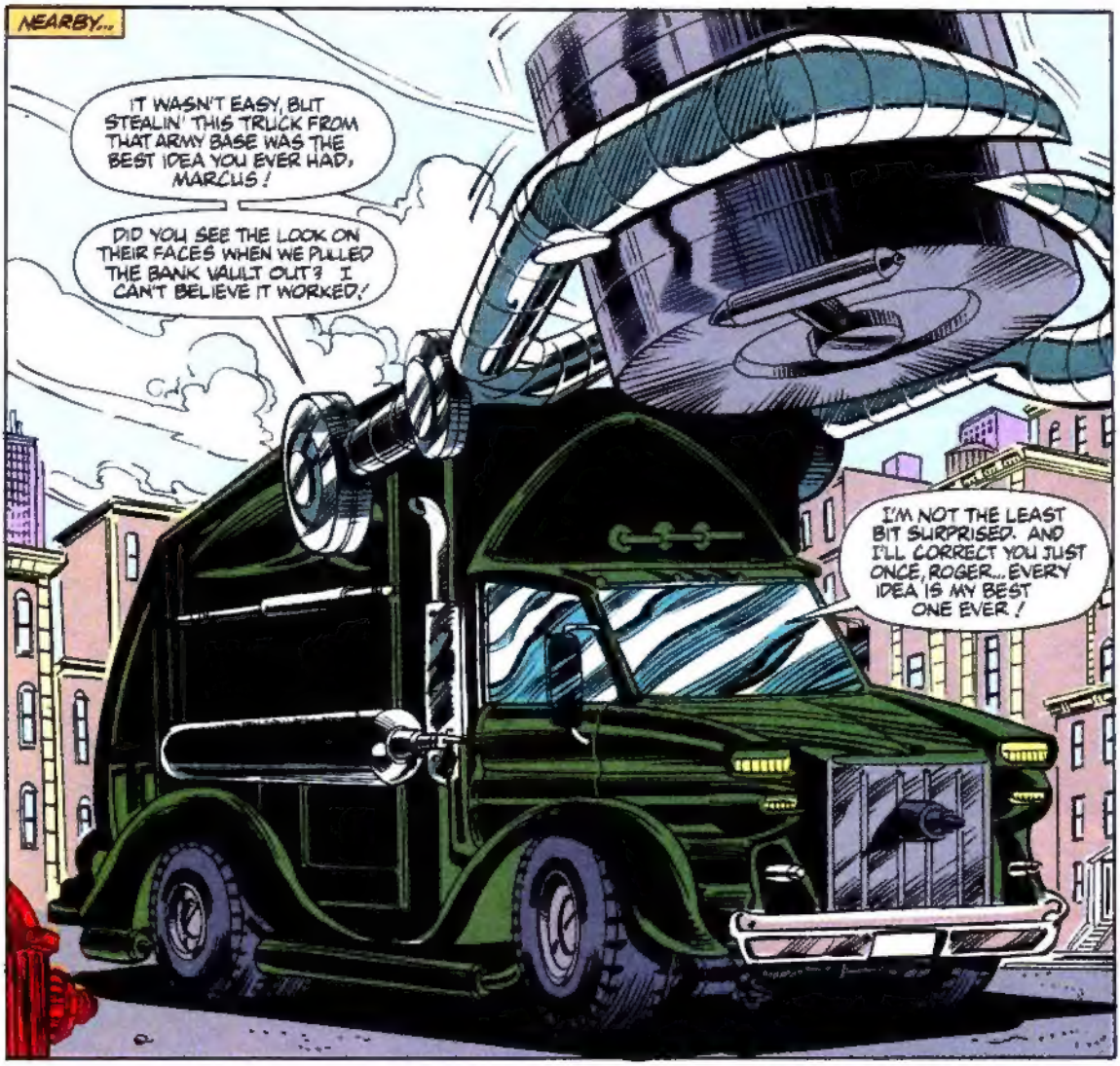
THAT'S WHEN YOU FOUND ME.
THAT IS THE ONLY PART OF WHAT I JUST SAID THAT RINGS TRUE.
WAIT!
THEY ARE HERE
THE REST SEEMS SOMEHOW UNREAL AS THOUGH THE MEMORIES AREN'T MY OWN--
YOU'RE RIGHT
TCHNNK
LET THEM COME.
CONTINUES NEXT ISSUE...

GRIMM'S TALE
FEATURING: THE THING
NEW YORK CITY 7:30 A.M.
I GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS CITY!
THE NOISE, THE PEOPLE, THE DIRT-- ARRGH! I NEED A BREAK, JOHNNY!
EASY, BEN YOU'RE ALMOST GONE!
IT'S THOSE GUYS FROM THE FANTASTIC FOUR JOE ROCKHEAD AND MATCH MAN!
THAT'S THE THING AND THE HUMAN TORCH, STUPID!
TAXI!
HEY! THAT'S MY CAB!
BRATATATATA
WE BETTER GO MOVE DA TRUCK!


SOON...
SO WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO ANYWAY, BEN?
TO A PLACE WHERE THERE'S NO F.F., NO SPACE MONSTERS, NOTHIN'!
THREE DAYS OF FUN N THE SUN, ALONE!
BUT I GOTTA MOVE QUICK! I WANNA SNEAK OUT BEFORE STRETCHO WAKES UP AND GIVES ME AN ASSIGNMENT OR SOMETHIN'.
STUPID SUITCASE WON'T...
-CLOSE.
KRACK
THIS DEFINITELY AIN'T MY DAY!
RELAX, BIG GUY! YOU CAN BORROW MINE. JUST GET TO THE BANK SO YOU CAN MAKE YOUR PLANE. I'LL PACK YOUR STUFF!
YOU'RE RIGHT, JOHNNY, I GOTTA TAKE IT EASY! THANKS, KID, I--
JOHNNY, HAVE YOU SEEN BEN?
MUM'S THE WORD KID! I'M OUTTA HERE!

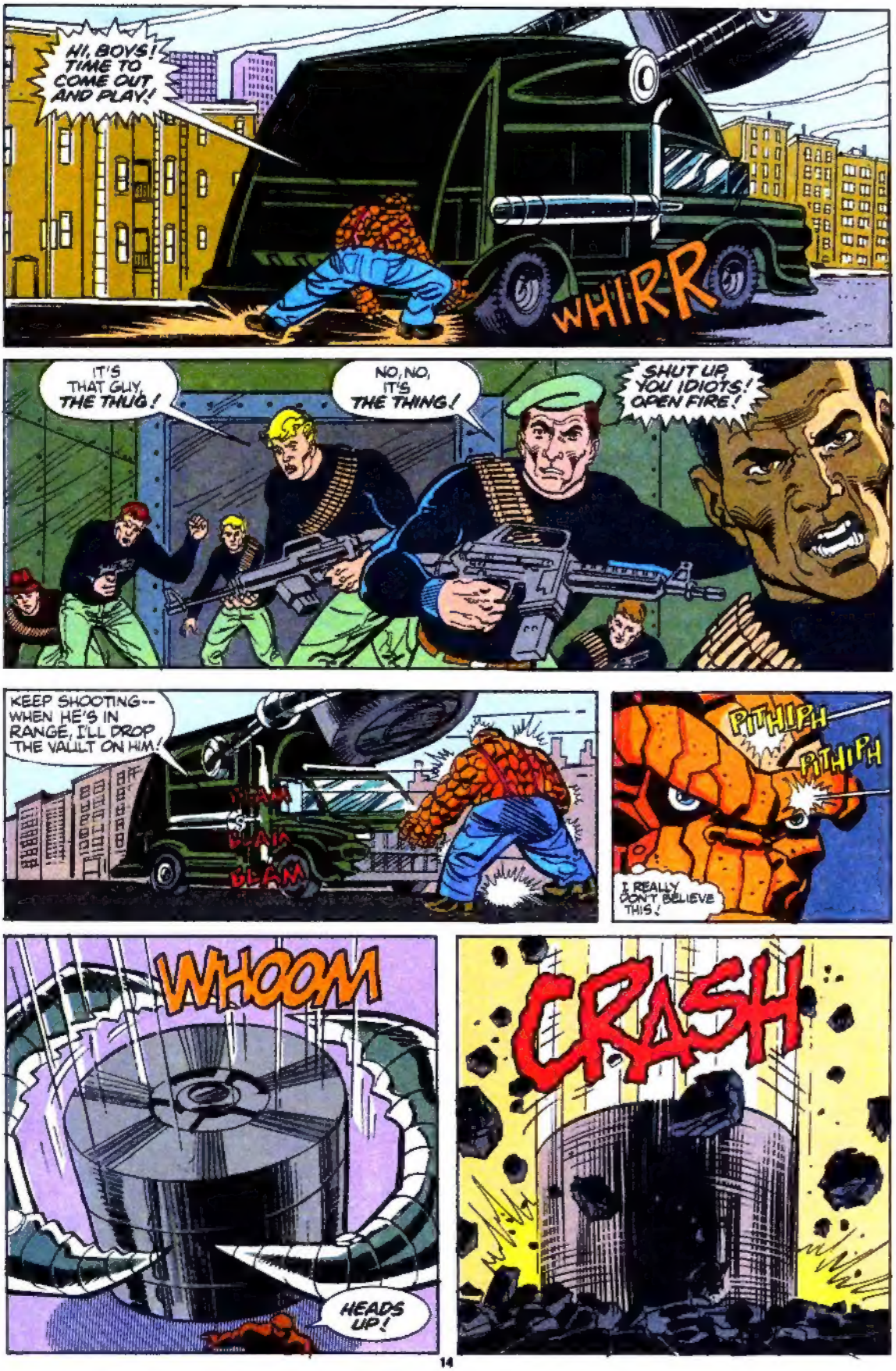
NEARBY...
BANK OF AMERICA
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS ... NE! MY PLANE LEAVES IN AN HOUR...
...I KNEW I SHOULDA BOUGHT MY TRAVELERS CHECKS YESTERDAY.
UH, EXCUSE ME, BUT AREN'T YOU--
NO, I AIN'T!
OH, WELL, I COULD BE MISTAKEN
IT'S 9:10... WHY HAVEN'T THEY OPENED UP YET?
YEAH, IT'S GETTIN' LATE--
BOOM
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
IT CAME FROM INSIDE THE BANK!
I WILL NOT GET INVOLVED.. I'M A CIVVIE THIS WEEK-END AND NOTHIN IS STOPPIN ME FROM GETTIN ON THAT PLANE I WILL NOT GET INVOL--

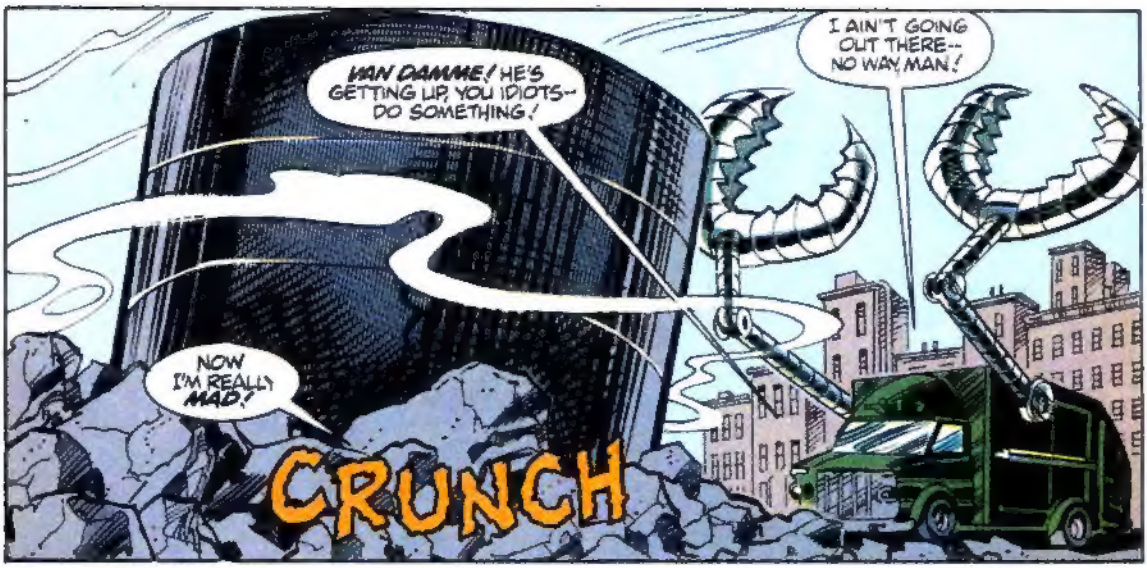
OKAY, QUIT YOUR GAWKIN'!
I'LL CHECK IT OUT!
BANG
HONEY, I'M HOME!
WHAT THE--?! IT'S THE BANK STAFF.. ALL TIED UP ON THE FLOOR!
IT WAS AWFUL, MR. GRIMM, THEY TIED US UP AND BEAT US AND..
EASY, MR SANCH, EASY..
THEY USED THIS .. TRUCK-THING TO PULL THE WHOLE VAULT OUT THROUGH THE BACK!
THEY JUST LEFT .. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THERE GOES MY VACATION...
YOU CALL THE POLICE, MR SANCHEZ, I'LL CATCH UP TO THEM... IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!

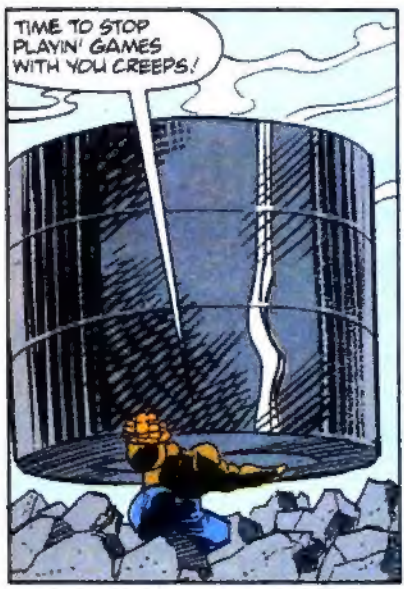

NEARBY...
IT WASN'T EASY, BUT STEALIN' THIS TRUCK FROM THAT ARMY BASE WAS THE BEST IDEA YOU EVER HAD, MARCUS!
DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON THEIR FACES WHEN WE PULLED THE BANK VAULT OUT? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WORKED!
I'M NOT THE LEAST BIT SURPRISED. AND I'LL CORRECT YOU JUST ONCE, ROGER... EVERY IDEA IS MY BEST ONE EVER!

YEAH, RIGHT... SORRY, BOSS, SORR--
QUIET! WE'RE NOT OUT OF THIS YET, WE STILL HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE WAREHOUSE.

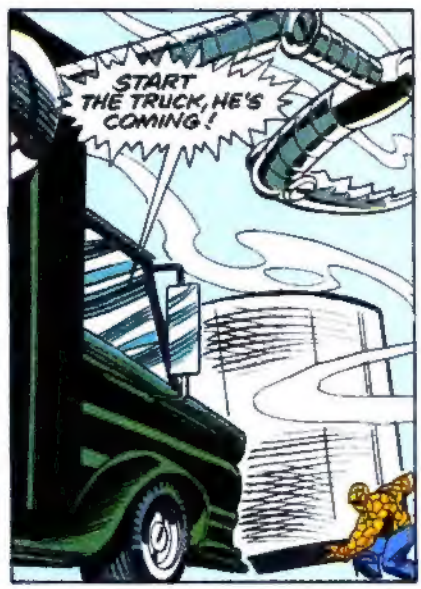
BUMP
WHAT THE--?!

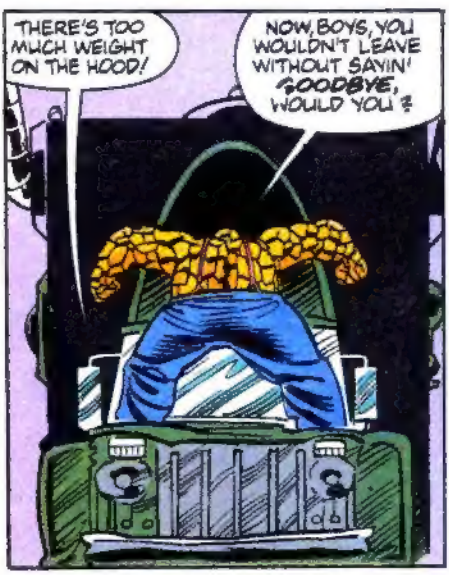

HI, BOYS! TIME TO COME OUT AND PLAY!
WHIRR
IT'S THAT GUY, THE THUG!
NO, NO, IT'S THE THING!
SHUT UP, YOU IDIOTS! OPEN FIRE!
KEEP SHOOTING-- WHEN HE'S IN RANGE, I'LL DROP THE VAULT ON HIM!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
PITHIPH
PITHIPH
I REALLY DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
WHOOM
HEADS UP!
CRASH


I AIN'T GOING OUT THERE-- NO WAY, MAN!
VAN DAMME! HE'S GETTING UP, YOU IDIOTS-- DO SOMETHING!
NOW I'M REALLY MAD!
CRUNCH


TIME TO STOP PLAYIN' GAMES WITH YOU CREEPS!

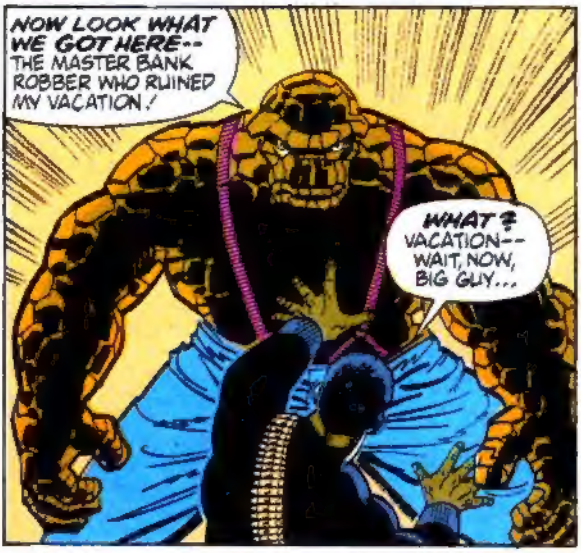
WHAT'S IT GONNA TAKE TO CONVINCE YOU GUYS TO COOPERATE...?!


START THE TRUCK, HE'S COMING!


THERE'S TOO MUCH WEIGHT ON THE HOOD!
NOW, BOYS, YOU WOULDN'T LEAVE WITHOUT SAYIN' GOODBYE, WOULD YOU?

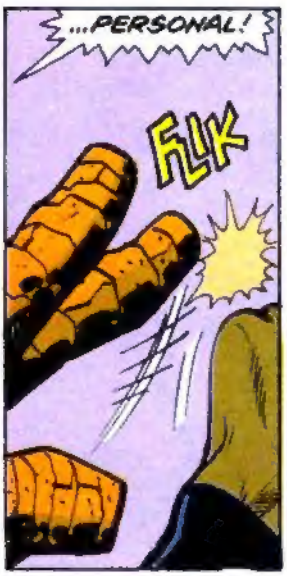
RRIPP

BUMP
MORNING, FELLAS, MIND IF I COME IN AND PLAY?
WHAM
UGH!


NOW LOOK WHAT WE GOT HERE-- THE MASTER BANK ROBBER WHO RUINED MY VACATION!
WHAT? VACATION-- WAIT, NOW, BIG GUY...

I THINK YOU'RE TAKING THIS WAY TOO PERSONALLY!

WHAT I JUST SAID WASN'T PERSONAL. THIS IS...


...PERSONAL!
FLIK

SOON...
THEY'RE A LITTLE BRUISED, BUT THEY'LL LIVE. WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE, THING.
LOTTA GOOD THAT DOES ME--I ALREADY MISSED MY PLANE!

LATER...
YOU ALL SET UP, BEN?
YOU BET, KID. I'M GONNA SPEND THREE DAYS HIDING IN THE GREATEST CITY IN THE WORLD. I SHOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THIS SOONER!
AND REMEMBER KID, IF YOU SEE STRETCH, MUM'S THE WORD!
THE END.